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1. INDOCHINA

LAOTIANS RELEASE 3 AMERICANS, GIVE UP USAID OFFICE
SIEGE. COMMUNIST TROOPS ENTER US RESIDENTIAL COMPOUND
TO PREVENT FURTHER LOOTING (UPI, NYDN). TENSIONS
EASE AS OCCUPATION OF USAID COMPOUND ENDS. LAO
EMPLOYEES GET ADVANCE ON BACK PAY; BUT PL POLICE STILL
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ON GROUNDS IN VIOLATION OF AGREEMENT. DOS SPOKESMAN
SAYS US INTENDS CONTINUE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH
LAOS (AP, SUN). STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES CLAIM MAJOR
VICTORY OVER US. DEMONSTRATIONS HAVE LITTLE IMPORTANT

DOMESTIC SIGNIFICANCE EXCEPT PROVING PL CAN DO WHATEVER IT WANTS IN LAOTIAN AFFAIRS. EIGHTY MORE AMERICANS DEPART, LEAVING ABOUT 180 OFFICIAL AMERICANS IN VIENTIANE. APPARENT THAT AID PROGRAM WILL BE CASUALTY OF PL ASCENDENCY, THOUGH LAOTIAN GOVT WANTS US AID TO CONTINUE IN FORM OF CASH GRANTS (ANDELMAN, NYT). US EMBASSY COMPLAINS LAOTIAN GOVT LEFT POLICE FORCE IN USAID COMPOUND IN VIOLATION OF AGREEMENT; CHARGE CHAPMAN WILL MEET WITH LAOTIAN LEADERS TO REOPEN NEGOTIATIONS (AP, NYT).

USAID EMPLOYEES RETURN TO COMPOUND, PREPARE HAND FACILITY OVER TO LAOTIAN GOVT. PL APPEARS TO HAVE MANIPULATED STUDENTS TO FORCE USAID OUT OF COUNTRY. EVIDENT STUDENTS PLAYING GAME THAT SEEMS LIKE FUN, BUT PL DEADLY SERIOUS AND CURRENT CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THEM WILL PROBABLY NOT LAST. MOST OBSERVERS EXPECT PL STRICTNESS INCREASE (SIMONS, WP). US FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS WILL BE TO PAY NEARLY 2700 LAOTIAN EMPLOYEES. AGREEMENT TOPPED NEARLY 3 WKS OF LEFTIST DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST USAID PRESENCE IN LAOS. SOME WESTERN OBSERVERS BELIEVE PL WILL ATTACK OTHER US INSTALLATIONS, EVENTUALLY FORCING ENTIRE US MISSION OUT (LESLIE, LAT 5/28). LAOTIAN GOVT DROVE HARD BARGAIN ON USAID MISSION, WITH FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS LIKELY EQUALLY DIFFICULT. GREAT MISTRUST OF EACH SIDE FOR OTHER AND DIFFICULT DEPARTURE US OFFICIALS AND FAMILIES MAKE HARD TO IMAGINE CONGRESS WILL VOTE FURTHER LAOS AID. BREAK OF US RELATIONS WITH LAOS MIGHT DISTURB THAILAND (SOUTHERLAND, CSM). SECSTATE ORDERS CUT LAOS STAFF TO ESSENTIAL 50 SOON AS POSSIBLE, ACCORDING INFORMED SOURCES (O'LEARY, WSTAR 5/28).

SENIOR LAOTIAN MIL OFFICERS ATTEND POLITICAL SEMINAR TO HELP ADAPT TO LEFTWARD POLITICAL SHIFT. MANY GOVT AGENCIES HIT BY PROTESTERS' DEMANDS TO FIRE RIGHT-WING OFFICIALS (WP).

PP RADIO SAYS GOVT COMPLETES NATIONALIZATION RUBBER UNCLASSIFIED

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PLANTATIONS, CLAIMS PEOPLE NOT HUNGRY, ADDS ALL EFFORTS CONCENTRATED ON AGRIC PRODUCTION WITH HOPE TO EXPORT RICE NEXT YR (AFP, NYT; WP). SECSTATE ADVOCATED BOMBING CAMBODIAN MAINLAND WITH B-52S DURING MAYAGUEZ CRISIS, ACCORDING TOP ADMIN OFFICIAL (MCCARTNEY, PHINQ).

SAIGON RADIO SAYS CELLS OF ABOUT DOZEN FAMILIES WILL BE BASIC ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT, WITH CELL LEADERS HAVING TASK INSURING GOVT DIRECTIVES CARRIED OUT (WP; AFP, NYT). CRASH-TRAINING COURSES ORGANIZED FOR PROPAGANDA OFFICIALS, WOMEN MILITANTS (AFP, NYT). PRG SAYS RR REPAIR TO LINK SVN SYSTEM TO NVN GIVEN TOP PRIORITY, WITH 6000 AT WORK (AP, NYT). SAIGON GOVT URGES CIVIL

SERVANTS RETURN TO WORK, ENCOURAGES PEASANTS GO BACK TO FARMS, PRODS PRIVATE FIRMS REOPEN BUSINESSES (UPI, WP). SAIGON RADIO SAYS LAW-AND-ORDER CAMPAIGNS CONTINUE IN SEVERAL AREAS TO ELIMINATE VESTIGES OF OLD GOVT (AP, SUN).

SEVERAL PAPERS FEATURE STORIES ON OPENING OF NEW

REFUGEE CENTER AT FORT INDIANTOWN GAP, PA. STATES, CITIES ACROSS COUNTRY VOLUNTEERING HELP RESETTLE INDOCHINA REFUGEES. CALIF STATE URGES ADMIN PREVENT VIET REFUGEES FROM COMPETING FOR JOBS WITH UNEMPLOYED VETS (UPI, NYT). USG CLAMPS CONTROLS ON PURCHASE OF GOLD FROM REFUGEES ON GUAM BECAUSE SAYS BUYERS NOT PAYING FAIR PRICE (AP, PHINQ). KY STARTING OVER AGAIN IN WASHINGTON SUBURB WITH WIFE, 6 CHILDREN, OTHER RELATIVES (SMITH, WP). RICHARDS (WP) AND PIETILA (SUN) DO HUMAN-INTEREST STORIES ON REFUGEES; LATTER TELLS OF VIET BOY WITH US PASSPORT LOST IN SHUFFLE, LEFT BEHIND IN SAIGON.

2. JAPAN

SANYO AND NATIONAL PARENT FIRMS INFORMED WEDNESDAY JOINT VENTURES IN SVN RESUMED TV, RADIO PRODUCTION UNDER NEW RULERS. DO NOT KNOW IF NATIONALIZED, BUT SAY WILL SUPPLY PARTS, MATERIAL, IF ASKED. SANYO SAYS WILLING RETURN EMPLOYEES TO BIEN HOA PLANT UNCLASSIFIED

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(AP, NYT; WSJ; JOC; AFP, NYT).

EX-GA. GOV JIMMY CARTER, IN TOKYO FOR TRILATERAL COMMISSION, TOLD AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN WEDNESDAY US "SHOULD NOT BECOME MILITARILY INVOLVED" IN NATL AFFAIRS OF OTHER NATIONS, NOR BACK "LEADER WHO REPRESSES OWN PEOPLE." SAID US SHOULD HONOR SK TREATY COMMITMENT WITHOUT SUPPORTING "PARTICULAR LEADER." CRITICIZED "EXCESSIVE SECRECY IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS" OF FORD, NIXON, LBJ (NYT; WP).

SATO DEVELOPED HIGH FEVER WEDNESDAY, BLOOD PRESSURE DECREASED. DOCTOR SAID OUTLOOK "PESSIMISTIC" (WP; UPI, PHINQ).

JOC'S CULLISON IN TOKYO CITES PRIVATE RESEARCH ORGANIZATION FORECAST JAPAN MAY EARN 10 BILLION DOL TRADE SURPLUS DURING JFY 75. NOTES MITI OFFICIAL (EGUCHI) TOLD PRESS WEDNESDAY GOJ PROJECTING ONLY 5.2 BILLION DOL TRADE SURPLUS ON BASIS IMF FORMULATIONS.

EGUCHI ALSO TOLD PRESS JAPAN EXPECTS IMPORT OVER 10

MILLION MT NON-COKING COAL ANNUALLY BY 1985; GOJ PLANS SEND MISSION INDIA, AFRICA, AUSTRALIA, OTHER COAL-PRODUCING NATIONS TO EXPLORE NEW SOURCES SUPPLY (JOC, TOKYO).

FOURTEEN MAJOR TRADE FIRMS REPORT SHARP DECLINE IN CONTRACTS IN APRIL; EXPORTS DOWN 59 PERCENT FROM MARCH, IMPORTS 40 PERCENT; EXPORTS TO US DOWN 53 PERCENT (UPI, JOC).

UK PLASTICS FEDN IN LONDON WEDNESDAY PROTESTED HIGH LEVEL OF JAPANESE AUTO IMPORTS LAST YEAR; CONTAINED OVER 4.8 BILLION DOLS WORTH PLASTIC COMPONENTS THAT REPRESENTED SUBSTANTIAL LOSS TO UK PLASTICS INDUSTRY (UPI, NYDN).

HOUSEWIFE JUNKO TABEL, FIRST WOMAN TO CONQUER MT EVEREST (5/16), TOLD PRESS IN KATMANDU WISHES ALSO "GO TO THE SOUTH POLE," BUT FIRST WANTS REST IN HAWAII UNCLASSIFIED

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(AP, NYDN).

3. KOREA

KNIGHT'S GRASER (NYDN) NOTES SEN CHURCH SCOMM STAFF QUIETLY INVESTIGATING LINK BETWEEN PLAYBOY-LOBBYIST TONG-SUN PARK AND GULF OIL. CITES WSTAR REPORT (JUNE 11, 1969) PARK FAMILY IN OIL BUSINESS IN SK, ACQUIRED TANKER FLEET" IN PARTNERSHIP WITH GULF." COMPANY SPOKESMAN LAST WEEK DENIED PARK CONNECTED WITH GULF AT ANY TIME, BUT THERE "MAY HAVE BEEN" TIE WITH BROTHER.

CANADA AGREED WEDNESDAY LEND SK 300 MILLION DOLS AND CANADIAN, UK BANKS PLAN PROVIDE 80 MILLION DOL CREDIT TOWARD PURCHASE OF 576 MILLION-DOL 600 MEGAWATT POWER REACTOR. AGREEMENT TAKES EFFECT WHEN ROK SIGNS BILATERAL PACT GUARANTEEING CANADIAN NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY, FISSIONABLE MATERIAL, WILL NOT BE USED MAKE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE (NYT; WSJ; JOC).

ADB TUESDAY APPROVED 17.5 MILLION DOL LOAN TO FINANCE FOREX COST OF MACHINERY MFR PROJECT IN SK (UPI, JOC).

4. GENERAL

GOLDWATER SAYS US NO LONGER HAS COHERENT POLICY TOWARD ASIA, CALLS FOR MORE EMPHASIS ON EXPANDED TRADE WITH REGION (REUTER, CSM). STATE, USDA TEAM LOOK INTO OVERDUE COTTON SHIPMENTS, CONCLUDED TAIWAN, SK "BRIGHT SPOTS" WITH SITUATION IN GOOD SHAPE; PHILS SLOW TO REACT; THAI-

LAND DEFAULTS PROBABLY DUE RENEGING THOUGH EXCUSES ABOUT
POLITICAL, ECON SITUATION OFFERED (CNS, JOC).

5. CHINA

UPI (PEKING) REPORTS END OF US-PRC TRACK/FIELD MEET
WEDNESDAY, AS ATHLETES OF BOTH COUNTRIES JOINED ARMS,
JOGGED AROUND TRACK TOGETHER IN FRIENDLY OLYMPIC-STYLE
FAREWELL (NYT). UPI TELEPHOTOS (NYDN, SUN, NYT); AP
(LAT 5/28). SUN'S WU, IN PEKING, SAW US TRACK TEAM PRC
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VISIT ENDING AMID GROWING INDICATIONS CULTURAL RELATIONS
BETWEEN THE COUNTRIES WILL BE ENHANCED, NOT RETARDED.
NOTES ATHLETES' DEPARTURE WILL ALMOST COINCIDE WITH
ARRIVAL ASNE DELEGATION ON SECOND PRC VISIT. THERE HAVE
BEEN ENCOURAGING SIGNS DOOR MAY BE OPEN LITTLE WIDER IN
FUTURE FOR US NEWSMEN TO VISIT PRC.

LAT'S SHIRLEY (5/28) IN PEKING CITES TWO INTERESTING
SIDELIGHTS AT TRACK MEET. US REPORTERS WERE TOLD HUGE
SIGNS AROUND STADIUM COVERED WITH RED CLOTH BECAUSE QUO-
TATIONS HAD BEEN INSTALLED FOR PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY
GAMES, WHICH ENDED LAST WEEK, AND NOT SUITABLE FOR US-PRC
COMPETITION. ALSO, FOLLOWING COMPETITION, REUTER AND
FRENCH AGENCY REPORTERS ASKED US WRITERS FORINFO, AND WERE
TOLD BY CHINESE THEY WERE NOT ACCREDITED TO REPORT ON
MEET SO US REPORTERS SHOULD NOT HELP THEM--INFORMED
"ONLY US AND CHINESE JOURNALISTS MAY COVER THIS COMPETITION.

UPI (HK) QUOTES DIPLOMATIC SOURCES BASED IN PEKING THAT
PRC LEADERS SEE PRES FORD'S EUROPE VISIT AS SIGNIFICANT
TEST OF US FOREIGN POLICY DIRECTIONS IN POST-INDOCHINA
ERA. PRC OFFICIALS INDICATE THEY HOPE VISIT CONTRIBUTES
TO WE UNITY AND CLOSER COOPERATION BETWEEN US AND MAO
(NYDN).

6. PHILIPPINES

US INFORMS GOP THAT WILL END MIL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BY
1978, ACCORDING GOVT SOURCES; AFTER THEN, MIL AID WILL
BE ON BASIS OF LOANS. TRAVELERS REPORT 20 PERSONS
KILLED, SCORES WOUNDED BY GUNFIRE IN JOLO (WP). ALMOST
7000 ACRES OF LAND OWNED BY US CITIZENS TURNED OVER TO
PHIL COMPANIES AS RESULT EXPIRATION PARITY RIGHTS EN-
JOYED BY AMERICANS (NYT). MARCOS APPARENTLY OVERRIDES
SUPREME COURT DECISION, ISSUES DECREE PERMITTING CERTAIN
US CITIZENS RETAIN LANDHOLDINGS (UPI, JOC).

7. AUSTRALIA

GOA GRANTS REFUGE TO TRAN VAN LAM, FORMER GVN FONMIN WHO

SIGNED 1973 C-F (AP, SUN). LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT WILL SELL
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GOA E ORION ANTI-SUB PLANES FOR OVER 140 MILLION DOLS
(WSJ).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

8. INDOCHINA

TO CDN (5/24-25), EVIDENCE THAT LAOTIANS MOVE MORE
SLOWLY AND MAY BE MORE GENTLE THAN VN/CAMBODIA NEIGHBORS
SHOULD NOT EXCUSE US FROM EVACUATING AMERICANS NOW TO
AVOID CHAOTIC PULLOUT AS IN PP, SAIGON.

CHAS YOST, RECALLING HIS TENURE AS ENVOY TO LAOS, RECITES
PL GROWTH, US ROLE; NOW LAOTIANS MUST PAY PRICE, AND TO
BE HOPED THAT EVENTUALLY THEIR NATURAL GENTLENESS AND
TOLERANCE WILL MELLOW PASSIONS OUTSIDERS KINDLED. WSTAR'S
BRADSHER (5/28) SAYS US IS APPREHENSIVE THERE MAY BE
MORE HOSTILE DEMONSTRATIONS MONDAY WHEN EA'S HABIB
VISITS VIENTIANE. ON US OFFICIALS' CONCLUSIONS ABOUT
DEPTH AND CAUSE OF STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS RESTS FUTURE
OF AID TO, PRESENCE IN, LAOS. INTELLIGENCE SOURCES
BELIEVE PL, PLAYING TWO-FACED GAME WITH US, SECRETLY
ORGANIZED AND DIRECTED STUDENTS (BOTH IN USIA WIRELESS
FILE).

ROCHE (BOSTON HA, 5/22) CONCLUDES "WE HIT IT LUCKY"
ON MAYAGUEZ OUTCOME; "LET'S HOPE THE RUN CONTINUES."
WM BUCKLEY (WSTAR 5/28) REFUTES CRITICISM OF US
INDOCHINA POLICY BY CLARK CLIFFORD, ANTHONY LEWIS
AND SHANA ALEXANDER WITH REMINDER OF CAMBODIANS'
MAYAGUEZ SEIZURE AND COMMUNISTS' EMPTYING PP (IN
USIA WIRELESS FILE).

STLP-D (5/25) CONCURS IN SEN EAGLETON'S PUSH FOR
FURTHER DEFINING 1973 WAR POWERS RESOLUTION IN WAKE
OF MAYAGUEZ INCIDENT. P-D'S DEAKIN INSISTS RESCUE
OF MAYAGUEZ AND CREW WAS ALMOST INCIDENTAL TO LARGER
PURPOSE -- FLEXING OF US MUSCLES IN WAKE OF INDOCHINA
DEBACLE, AS WARNING AGAINST COMMUNIST MOVES ELSEWHERE
IN ASIA (5/25).

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KEVIN PHILLIPS (PHILA BULLETIN 5/26) CITES RECENT
SINDLINGER PHONE POLL SHOWING MAYAGUEZ RESCUE
HAS BOOSTED PRES FORD'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS RATING AMONG
VOTERS, THOUGH HIS DOMESTIC RATING CONTINUED TO FALL.

CHITRIB'S YOUNG OBSERVES ALLEGATIONS VOA WAS MUFFLED ON INDOCHINA COME AT RATHER CRUCIAL POINT IN AGENCY'S LIFT WHEN IT IS FACING HARSH CRITICISM IT CAN CONFRONT -- ITS CREDIBILITY.

PHILA BULLETIN (5/23) WELCOMES REFUGEES TO PENN INDIANTOWN GAP MIL RESERVATION.

9. KOREA

BOSTON H-A'S THEIS IN WASHINGTON (5/22) INTERVIEWS EUGENE MCCARTHY, QUOTES HIM SAYING US HAS COMMITMENT TO "KOREA, TAIWAN AND JAPAN"; DEGREE OF FORCE US MIGHT USE UNDER "PRETTY DIRECT OBLIGATION" TO SK WOULD DEPEND ON DEGREE OF MILITARY COMMITMENT BY NK; AND DOUBTS CHINA WOULD GIVE NK "HEAVY SUPPORT" FOR AGGRESSION.

SUN (NOTES AND COMMENT) READS "WITH FASCINATION" ACCOUNTS OF TUNNELS NK DUG UNDER DMZ. BUT WONDER WHY FIRST-RATE POWER, US, MUST HELD DEFEND THIRD-RATE POWER, SK, AGAINST WHAT NIXON IN 1968 CALLED FOURTH-RATE POWER, NK (USIA WIRELESS FILE).

GWERTZMAN (NYT) CITES DOS SOURCES THAT PRC HAS INDICATED IN RECENT WEEKS IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS, COMMENTS BY CHINESE OFFICIALS, DIPLOMATS TO THIRD PARTIES, AND CONVERSATION WITH US OFFICIALS, THAT PEKING CAUTIONED NK AGAINST LAUNCHING MILITARY ATTACK ON SK.

10. JAPAN

NEWHOUSE'S BERNSTEIN (LAT 5/28) HIGHLIGHTS GROWING CONCERN OVER DECLINE IN WHALE POPULATION. REVIEWS MOVES IN CONGRESS TO BLUNT JAPANESE, SOVIET HARPOONS WITH THREAT OF TRADE BOYCOTT, OF WHICH TOUGHEST BILL SPONSORED BY UNCLASSIFIED

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SEN MAGNUSON WOULD REQUIRE "IMMEDIATE EMBARGO" ON ALL PRODUCTS OF ANY FOREIGN FIRM ENGAGED IN COMMERCIAL WHALING.

STANDFORD'S JOH LEWIS (DIRECTOR OF STUDY OF ARMS CONTROL) AND WEINSTEIN (DIRECTOR OF STUDY ON US-JAPAN RELATIONS) IN NYT 5/29 STATE TOKYO'S INTEREST IN REASSURANCE OF US SECURITY GUARANTEE ASKED BY MIYAZAWA, AND GIVEN BY SECSTATE IN APRIL, LINKED TO LDP DEBATE OF NPT RATIFICATION, NOT TO INDOCHINA COLLAPSE AS AMERICANS TEND TO ASSUME (USIA WIRELESS FILE).

11. CHINA

SUN APPLAUDS PRC-US TRACK MEET AS BRINGING OBTH COUNTRIES
LONG WAY FROM PING-PONG DIPLOMACY (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

REUTER'S ROGERS, IN SHANGHAI, DISCUSSES PRC NEWSPAPERS'

"NEW BREED OF REPORTERS, KNOWN AS BAREFOOT JOURNALISTS";
SAYS DESPITE ABSENCE EXPENSE ACCOUNT OR EXHILIRATION OF
COMPETING AGAINST RIVAL NEWSPAPER, "STUBBORN PROFESSIONAL
PRIDE SHOWS THROUGH" AMONG PRC CORRESPONDENTS.

SUN'S SEIDEN NOTES TAINAN AIR BASE IS RAPIDLY BECOMING
MILITARY GHOST TOWN. FINDS US AND CHINESE EMPLOYEES
SEEMED MUCH MORE DEPRESSED TO SEE BASE GO THAN AVERAGE
NATIVE RESIDENT FELT IN TAINAN CITY.

12. NEW ZEALAND

STEWART (NYT 5/28) OBSERVES IMPACT OF WORLD RECESSION ON
NZ SEEMS PAINLESS AT FIRST GLANCE: UNEMPLOYMENT HARDLY
NOTICEABLE, INFLATION RELATIVELY MODEST 12 PERCENT. NOTES
GROWING CRITICISM OF GNZ MICAWBERISH POLICY OF "BORROW
AND HOPE," THAT NZ HERALD CHARGES MAINTAINS "ILLUSORY
PROSPERITY." GNZ CALCULATED RISK OF BORROWING AGAINST
FUTURE UPTURN LEAVES ROOM FOR MANEUVER, TIZARD SEES "SIGNS
OF RECOVERY," AND ROWLING VOICES OPTIMISM ON BASIS
STATEMENTS MADE HIM BY PRES FORD (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

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13. THAILAND

CDN'S TAMARKIN (5/24) AT BANGKOK SAYS RTG FEARS BORDER
ATTACKS FROM KHMER ROUGE, AND PL URGE LAOTIANS DEMONSTRATE
AGAINST THAILAND ALONG BORDER. OPINES THAI BORDER
PROVINCES VULNERABLE, COULD OFFER LITTLE RESISTANCE
SHOULD PL PROVIDE ARMS TO SLOWLY-GROWING INSURGENT MOVE-
MENT.

BUCKLEY (LAT 5/28) NOTES THAI PROTESTS ON MAYAGUEZ AFFAIR,
BELIEVES ANTI-US ACTIVITY THERE ISSUES FROM DISGUST WITH
"UNCONSUMMATED" US MISSION IN SEA AND FEAR OF OFFENDING
VICTORS, WHO ARE NOW THEIR NEIGHBORS. DETECTS SOUND OF
DOMINO.

14. GENERAL

FORMER US AMB TO MALAYSIA BALDWIN WRITES TO WP BELIEVES
REGARDLESS OF WHAT SEA LEADERS SAY IN PUBLIC-THEY COULD
HARDLY BE EXPECTED ALARM PEOPLE NOW-THEIR PRIVATE RE-
MARKS SHOW CONCERN ABOUT "WITHDRAWAL" THINKING IN US;
THEY THINK WE STILL HAVE ABILITY INFLUENCE EVENTS BY

SKILLFUL DIPLOMACY MADE CREDIBLE BY STRENGTH.

CSM'S SCHMIDT NOTES US WORKS QUIETLY TO COMBAT COMMUNIST
SUBVERSION IN ASIA, CITES HABIB'S TOUR OF INDONESIA,
SINGAPORE, WITH UPCOMING THAILAND, LAOS, PHILS VIA MALAYSIA;

THEN PEKING NEXT MONTH AND MOSCOW LATER. SAYS TOUR
DESIGNED EXPLORE PROBLEM OF REVOLUTIONARY GUERRILLA MOVE-
MENTS THAT OWE ALLEGIENCE TO AND RECEIVE MONEY FROM CHINA,
AND IN SOME CASES USSR. INGERSOLL

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